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SUBJECT: ECOSOC: ISRAELI INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS ITEMS

1. ISRAELI EMBASSY COUNSELOR BENTSUR CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BAKER APRIL 5 TO RELAY CONCERNS OF HIS GOVERNMENT ABOUT SEVERAL HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS AFFECTING ISRAEL COMING UP IN ECOSOC.
 2. BENTSUR SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT RECOMMENDATION TO ECOSOC OF PREPARATORY SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM THAT WOULD CAUSE ANTI-ZIONIST MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION.
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HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY DOCUMENTS FROM BAGHDAD SEMINAR, WHICH WAS STRONGLY ANTI-ZIONIST, AND ASKED THAT U.S. USE ITS INFLUENCE TO SEE THAT SUCH MATERIAL WAS EXCLUDED.

3. BENTSUR BROUGHT UP RESOLUTION (IA(XXXIII)) ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ADOPTED BY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC). HE SAID THIS RESOLUTION

CONTAINED NEW ELEMENTS NOT CONTAINED IN PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY (1) THE CALL FOR RELEASE OF ARABS IN ISRAELI PRISONS AND ACCORDING THEM PROTECTIONS GIVEN TO PRISONERS OF WAR AND (2) THE REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL COLLECT RELEVANT

INFORMATION ABOUT THEM. HE ASKED THAT THE U.S. OPPOSE ANY RESOLUTION IN ECOSOC CONFIRMING OR SUPPORTING THE HRC ACTION.

4. FINALLY, BENTSUR SAID THE ISRAELIS INTEND TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF SOVIET HARASSMENT OF JEWS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WANTING TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL AND ASKED THAT THE U.S. SUPPORT THE ISRAELI REQUEST TO SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. BAKER REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD ISRAELI CONCERN OVER DOCUMENTATION FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE, BUT THAT OUR POSITION ON DECADE QUESTIONS, OF WHICH THIS WAS ONE, WAS THAT OF NON-PARTICIPATION. IN ANSWER TO BENTSUR'S QUESTION WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD HOLD TO THAT POSITION, BAKER SAID WE ARE INTERESTED IN WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DECADE ACTIVITIES, BUT WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO DO SO WITHOUT SOME BREAK IN THE LINK BETWEEN THE DECADE AND THE ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION 3379. BENTSUR SAID HE HOPED WE WOULD NEVERTHELESS FIND A WAY TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE ANTI-ZIONIST DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CONFERENCE IN THE GENERAL DEBATE ON THE DECADE.

6. BAKER NOTED THAT WE HAD VOTED AGAINST THE HRC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOLUTION ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES THAT BENTSUR HAD MENTIONED AND THAT WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE OPPOSED TO ANY RESOLUTION IN ECOSOC CONTAINING SIMILAR LANGUAGE. HE SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY MOVE TO HAVE A SEPARATE RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT (WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE SUBSUMED UNDER THE ITEM ON THE HRC REPORT) BUT THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR USUN AND THE ISRAELI MISSION TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH TO SEE HOW THIS ISSUE MIGHT DEVELOP.

7. ON THE QUESTION OF EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS, BAKER SAID THAT SUPPORTING AN ISRAELI REQUEST TO SPEAK POSED NO PROBLEM AND THAT THE ACTION OF THE USDEL IN RAISING IN THE HRC THE QUESTION OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS, AN ACTION THAT WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE HRC REPORT, COULD SERVE AS A CONVENIENT POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR AN ISRAELI STATEMENT. HE URGED CONSULTATION WITH USUN ON THIS MATTER AS WELL.
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